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that the consumer, the customer share in any benefits that might accrue from this particular legislation. I think it is absolutely necessary that we build into this law an opportunity for those people. I have a series of amendments here only to . . . Mr. Clerk, would you care to read those amendments please.

CLERK: Read amendments found on pages 1588 and 1589.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I'm not trying to run anything by anyone here. I gave a copy of these amendments to Senator Frank Lewis, the introducer of the bill. I gave a copy of Senator Anderson, Chairman of the committee that heard the bill. This body has a nice record of recognizing any inequities that might be presented to the public. I think that presently there is an inequity here. I think that we recognize it in these amendments. I would urge adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the amendments. I think in our experience with other affirmation states that this is not been the normal procedure which 31 of those affirmation states now. I believe that the competitive market will take care of the necessary reductions for the consumer benefit. I think we may get into trouble of proportionately reduction. The increase in labor costs, other costs, could have an adverse effect on trying to set those prices at that level. Obviously, in some cases there is going to be necessary increase for the cost of doing business. Senator Lewis is absolutely correct and I appreciate it. He did give me advanced notice of the amendment and that's consistent with his behavior. He wins a lot of times. He's wrong a lot of times, but he's not sneaky about it and I appreciate that Senator Lewis. In spite of the advanced notice, I still oppose the amendments. I'd ask you to reject them and move the bill forward.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Lewis a question. Senator Lewis, the other day I thought you were in favor of any savings being passed on to the consumer.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Chambers, I certainly am and I think the bill, as written, will reflect consumer savings.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you a question. Is there anything in the bill that would require the savings to be passed on?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lewis, if you were in a business to make profit would you take as much profit, legally, as you possibly could?